ODDS AND ENDS

Miscellaneous Conspiracies and Politicians
Presented for Your Education and Amusement

Who can ever forget the Minutemen, a radical right group that gained publicity in the late 1950's. One of their leaders was quoted as saying that "The private citizen has an inalienable right to carry around his own machine gun, howitzer, or atomic device." Another member warned that he could kill everyone in the United States except himself, if he wanted to: it was just a matter of assembling certain viruses and then coughing on outbound passengers at the Kansas City airport. Of course he would immunize himself, but within two weeks he would be the only person left alive in the nation.

Another Minuteman faction was going to plant a lethal dose of cyanide gas in the UN building's air-conditioning system. A Reverend Roquemore was convinced that the Russians were trying to corner the horse market in order to launch a Cossack-style attack on the West Coast. He set up a Minuteman camp in the Santa Ana mountains but was shot to death by a recruit whose alertness he was testing.

An old religious group called the I AM Society has been on the wane since its director was arrested for mail fraud; still I always enjoyed their list of proscriptions. The sect condemned xylophones, accordions, cymbals, banjoes, and saxophones as carrying "certain destructive vibratory action." It also condemned bowling, fashion shows, going bare-legged (except in a tennis game), and anklets for girls under fifteen. It praised the harp, skating, and swimming (except for going in and out of the water, because the temperature change would "open the door to sex").

And then there are the local politicians, such as James Daly of Chicago who wants to abolish the public schools and eventually restore the Inquisition. He would kill all dope peddlers after giving them one week's warning to get out of town; the offenders would be declared public bounty and a $1,000 reward would be given for each head brought in.

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INTRODUCTION

WELCOME to the first issue of Conspiracies Unlimited. I certainly hope that you find it lively; I also hope that you find it informative; and above all I hope that you will want to contribute. This newsletter will always be open for the sharing of research and opinion; I will print all the letters I have room for and any short contributions to the conspiracies under discussion. If you would like to publicize a large body of research or something you have written, just send along a summary and tell the readers where they can obtain it. If you disagree strongly with anything I have said, then send in your rebuttal and I will be glad to print it.

Only two fields are taboo and I will not consider them for publication:

1. religious prejudice (i.e. anti-semitism)
2. racial theories (i.e. black intelligence)

Too many innocent people have suffered and are still suffering from false allegations in this field, and I do not wish to add any more rationales for bigotry and viciousness.

However almost anything else goes. Please write in on science, energy, space travel, swindling, propaganda, assassinations, or whatever; write in about things you know, or things you want to know. Let's make this paper a real clearing-house for conspiracy buffs -- and don't hesitate to write in for extra copies!

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DEFINITIONS

A NOTE ON CONSPIRACIES

Franklin D. Roosevelt once said that "In politics, nothing happens by accident. If it happens, you can bet it was planned that way." That is the spirit in which we shall approach conspiracies -- as the deliberate and covert pursuit of power, by any means necessary and for the highest stakes possible. Frankly we are looking for plots, the more brilliant and ruthless the better. If conspiracies aren't true, then per haps they ought to be -- they make for a world with maximum drama and responsibility. Our thesis is that someone profits from everything, and if there is no limit to power then there is no limit to conspiracy. Morevoer in most areas there are competing conspiracies, so that no one cabal is ever omnipotent. So keep an open mind, and may the planning and research never stop!

FORMAT

Each of the conspiracies listed in this issue will be described as follows:

1. A brief outline of the plot
2. An account of how its proponents say it works (with no editorial comment)
3. A short bibliography
4. My own opinion along with suggestions for further research.

If you disagree or want to add anything, please feel free to send it along!

NIXON and THE MOB

CONSPIRACY #1 RICHARD NIXON AND FLIGHT 553

The Nixon administration arranged and paid for the crash of United Airlines flight 553 on December 8, 1972 --- in order to kill Dorothy Hunt (wife of E. Howard Hunt), Michelle Clark (CBS correspondent), and lawyers with documents unfavorable to John Mitchell. Over 100 innocent people died in the crash, and no complete investigation was ever made.

HOW IT WORKS:

Dorothy Hunt was a courier in 1972, carrying hush money from the White House to the initial Watergate defendants. She and her husband were constantly threatening to "Blow the White House out of the water" unless their payments were increased and their family taken care of "like the CIA used to do." Meanwhile Charles Colson and other members of a "sinister White House force" (quote from Alexander Haig) got together with an underworld hit group called the Sarelli mob, which specialized in airline theft and sabotage. Immediately after the plane crashed in southwest Chicago, there were 50 FBI men on the scene with orders to look for Dorothy Hunt's remains. The next day Egil Krogh from the White House Plumbers was named undersecretary of the cabinet department in charge of investigating all airline crashes; and within ten days Dwight Chapin and Alexander Butterfield were also named to senstive spots. When the crash came up for a public hearing in 1973, one of the men investigating it (Alexander Bottos) was put into a Federal mental hospital for sixty days of involuntary "observation."

SOURCES:

The Yankee and Cowboy War, by Carl Oglesby
Sheed, Andrews, & McNeill, 1976

Flight 553: The Watergate Murder, by Barbara Freed in Big Brother and the Holding Company, edited by Steve Weissman. Ramparts Press, 1974

WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW

If this were a court of law I would have to say that Nixon is still innocent --- not because he wouldn't have ordered such a deed but because none of the accusers have really proved a motive. Colson and the boys would not have gone to such extreme measures back in 1972 just to get back the $50,000 hush money that Dorothy Hunt was carrying, or just to silence one CBS stringer, or just to protect John Mitchell in an anti-trust case. There were bigger fish to fry and lots of easier ways to cover things up. If the real motive was to silence E. Howard Hunt, maybe it worked but it seems like a strange risk to take. Killing the guy's wife might just as well have made him more reckless and vengeful and left him with nothing to protect. A man named Sheldon Skolnick is apparently still working on this case and I for one would like to hear more about it.

ATOMIC FRAUD

CONSPIRACY #2 THE NUCLEAR HOAX

The Russians and Chinese have almost no atomic bombs, and the whole nuclear arms race is a fraud carried out by scared politicians on both sides.

HOW IT WORKS:

The only bombs that the Communists have were made by renegade Americans with stolen U-235 and plutonium. They have no stockpile to speak of and their maintenance procedures are extremely unreliable. Both Russia and China are still too backward industrially and technologically to produce the quality and volume of weapons that we have been crediting with since the 1950's. Our own leaders do not want the Communist hoax exposed, because then they would have to act like a real imperial power instead of a cautious, deterred democracy.

SOURCES:

The Secret War for the A-Bomb, by Medford Evans. MacMillan, 1964

The Jesus Factor, by Edwin Corley. Stein & Day, 1971

Review of The Jesus Factor, by Medford Evans, in American Opinion magazine, February 1971

WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW

The far right loves to find theories which blame American military weakness on someone else besides the military itself --- whether politicians, spies, or Communists in the State Department. Evans does write intelligently and he was involved in the Manhattan Project in 1944; and he is right that there is a lot of ignorance about nuclear weaponry -- which bombs are safe, which ones reliable, how many people would really die if we used them, etc. The trouble is that if he's wrong and the Russians can retaliate, then someone would have an awful lot to answer for.

MEN FROM TIBET

CONSPIRACY #3 TIBETAN SECRET SOCIETIES

Secret societies from Tibet were helping the Nazis to establish a demonic world religion.

HOW IT WORKS:

According to Blavatsky's Secret Doctrine, the original fall of mankind was caused by evil spirits who dragged the race into materialism and false leadership. These spirits were collectively called Lucifer and Ahriman, and secret cave communities were formed in Mongolia to serve them. The leading communities were known as Agarthi and Schamballah, and in the late 19th century they made contact with the West through George Gurdjieff, Rudolph Trebitsch-Lincoln and others. A community of Agarthi was established in Germany called "The Society of Green Men," and Hitler consulted them frequently both before and during the war. Meanwhile a German writer named Friedrich Heilscher worked with them to create the "Ritual of Stifling Air" in which members of the S.S. took oaths of allegiance to Luciferic powers. Had the Nazis won the war, Heilscher might have become the high priest of an anti-Christian world religion.

SOURCES:

The Spear of Destiny, by Trevor Ravenscroft G.P. Putnam, 1975

War Against the West, edited by Aurel Kolnai Knopf, 1936

Morning of the Magicians, by Louis Pauwels and Jacques Bergier Stein and Day, 1964

WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW

The material here could take a lifetime of study, so any opinion of mine would be premature. However the following points seem of interest:

- Apparently all surviving members of the Asian communities were killed off by Mao Tse-Tung when he invaded Tibet in 1959.
- Blavatsky's Secret Doctrine is fascinating but hardly qualifies as historical fact;
- There are slightly conflicting versions of this conspiracy, even between the sources mentioned. Still there is a lot to chew on.

ELLSBERG A PAWN ?

CONSPIRACY #4 THE PENTAGON PAPERS

The CIA released the Pentagon Papers itself, using Daniel Ellsberg as a cover for what amounted to a whitewash of its own activities.

HOW IT WORKS:

The CIA had begun the Vietnam war back in 1955, and later its 'Operation Phoenix' was one of the bloodiest campaigns. As the war became more and more unpopular, the CIA wanted to blame it on the military and various politicians, thus preserving its own image and moving on to better things. For this purpose the Pentagon Papers were secretly complied and filtered to a credulous public by Daniel Ellsberg, and further publicized by CIA conduits on the New York Times. Like many other "top-secret" documents, the Papers were intended for publication all along; their authors knew that by calling them "secret" and making them look stolen they would gain an even wider circulation and acceptance.

SOURCES:

The Real CIA - Rockefeller's Fascist Establishment, by Lyn Marcus, The Campaigner, a publication of the National Council of Labor Committees, Vol. 7 #6, April 1974.

WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW:

I will grant that the daily newspapers are surely the worst way to keep up with the CIA; however I doubt that the whole organization is quite so sinister as some claim. For one thing, the CIA has a great deal of internal dissension, with different factions more aggressive to one another than to the public at large; and there is also a long list of plain old CIA incompetence, though again they may be telling us only what they want to know. Sometimes I think the CIA is more dangerous for the research they carry out than for the clandestine activities we hear the most about. For a skeptical view of CIA conspiracies, see "The CIA From Beginning to End," by Garry Wills, in The New York Review of Books, January 22, 1976.

CAIN and ABEL

CONSPIRACY #5 CAINISM

A religious sect called Cainism actually glorifies murder and is responsible for assassinations throughout history.

HOW IT WORKS:

According to the Bible the two sons of Adam and Eve were named Cain and Abel; and some say that Cain was actually a snake-man, resulting from the union of Eve and the serpent. All the legends do agree that Cain was the first murderer for killing his own brother, and Cainism became a Gnostic sect which glorified murder and other sins so that God could be especially generous when and if He forgave you. Another sect claims that Cain and Abel are symbolic of two factions within an Elder Race that once ruled the earth. The Abels wanted to raise man into a more spiritual dimension, while the Cains believed that men should serve them as slaves. A great battle between the factions occurred near Mount Shasta in northern California, and though the Cains have gone underground they are still with us.

SOURCES:

Other Worlds, Other Universes, by Brad Steiger Doubleday, 1975

Illuminatus I-II-III, by Robert Shea and Robert Anton Wilson, Dell 1975

WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW

Can anyone pin a specific crime onto the Cains? Would anyone want to? Does this Christian heresy have any physical or even spiritual organization?

WHY NO-GROWTH?

CONSPIRACY #6 THE ECOLOGY MOVEMENT

The Ecological Movement and Zero-Population-Growth are just another form of capitalist propaganda --- in this case designed to prepare Americans for a vastly-reduced standard of living.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS

It is possible that the debt structure of all American industry could collapse, due to political reversals and plain financial trickery. Without the credit that makes expansion possible, the typical capitalist firm will have only one other way to get profits, and that is by not paying the costs of production--- i.e. lowering real wages, speeding up assembly lines, and squeezing out as many resources as possible from poor countries. In the developed nations there will be less advanced technology and more old-fashioned "work-gangs"--- thus the emphasis on "anti-pollution." Meanwhile the regions outside the various development projects will be left to wither away according to a policy of 'Triage' -- letting one class of victims die so that you can provide some services to the remaining victims. Those who cannot serve as slave labor will be designated as "useless eaters" and no scarce resources will be allotted for them -- and there is your Zero Population Growth with a vengeance.

SOURCES:

Rockefeller's Fascism with a Democratic Face, by Lyn Marcus, in The Campaigner, journal of the National Causus of Labor Committees, Volume 8, No. 1-2, December 1974

Time of Famine, by William Paddock. Little, 1975

WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW

In a way it doesn't matter whether any individual capitalists actually want this scenario, because in their unquestioned pursuit of profits it could all happen anyways. Marcus does try and make this into a personal conspiracy of the Rockefellers, but I feel that is is closer to a malignant, invisible hand. I grant that there is something suspicious about aggressive family planning, and if you want to know more about Triage then read Paddock. Although I will not have space to print massive economic theories,I would be glad to publicize any single scenarios like this one.

ENTITIES

CONSPIRACY #7 MASSACRES AND BLOODSHED

Wars and massacres are secretly inspired by entities who profit from human bloodshed.

HOW IT WORKS:

Invisible beings such as Lovecraft's Yog Sogoth and Shub Niggurath can only flourish when human beings are sacrificed to them. But since they have to have their killing done for them, their agents are constantly trying to foment nationalism, class warfare, and race-hatred so that actual mass murder will occur. At the moment of killing an incredible consciousness energy is released which makes the beings even stronger. By inspiring such sacrifices, and by drawing on the vitality of their worshippers, the entities may prolong their existence for many centuries. They may once have flourished in what is now the Gobi desert, known as the Iligor and served by the Cult of the Yellow Sign.

SOURCES:

Tales of the Cthulhu Mythos, by H.P. Lovecraft Ballantine, 1975

The Astral Body, by A. E. Powell;Dover, 1925

Illuminatus I-II-III, by Robert Shea and Robert Anton Wilson Dell, 1975

WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW

Truthfully I am not sure I want to know much more about this, because if they can sacrifice whole communities then who knows what they could do to one investigator. Still there is a fascination if you believe that somebody profits from everything, no matter how hideous it appears.

THE ILLUMINATI

CONSPIRACY #8 KARL MARX'S BOSSES

Karl Marx wrote the Communist Manifesto on assignment from a secret group called the Order of the Illuminati, which was founded in 1776 to promote world revolution.

HOW IT WORKS:

The Illuminati was founded by a defrocked Jesuit named Adam Weishaupt, and rapidly spread throughout Europe to organize the French Revolution. The Order declined after Napoleon's defeat in 1815, but in 1844 began to revive through front groups like the League of the Just and the German Worker's League. In 1847 the head conspirators decided that Weishaupt's original program should be published, and Karl Marx was commissioned to do the job. He was told to be especially critical of monarchy, patriotism, private property, inheritance, and religion, and to prepare the way for future world enslavement.

SOURCES:

The Manifesto: A Conspiracy Theory of History, by Alan Stang, in American Opinion magazine, February 1972

Secret Societies and Subversive Movements, and World Revolution: The Plot Against Civilizaton, by Nesta Webster, Angriff Press

WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW

The Illuminati are like a lighting-rod for conspiracy buff, because sooner or later they attract nearly everyone with some sort of proof or denial. They have been traced backwards to the Order of Assassins and forward to the Council on Foreign Relations; and by now they have been implicated in so many different movements that some writers take this in itself as a sign of their power. My personal complaint is that too many of the Illuminati-experts are using the concept of conspiracy to cover up their violently anti-democratic prejudices. They want us to believe that the old order in Europe fell not because it was corrupt and unjust, but only because a handful of devils in human form were secretly inspiring the masses. It sounds like the Protocols of the Elders of Zion, where every social problem of the past two centuries was attributed to clever rabbis and financiers. I have never been able to determine just what "world revolution" actually is, and I suspect that I was kept in the dark for a reason. It is much easier to hate the modern world when you are given no details for systematic comparisons. All your pet peeves are merged togethr as part of the same diabolical conspiracy.

MASTERMIND

CONSPIRACY #9 ALCEISTER CROWLEY

Alceister Crowley and his associates in magic have personally masterminded many famous disasters as part of their dedication to evil powers.

HOW IT WORKS:

While Crowley was head of the Ordo Templi Orientis occult lodge in the early 1900's, a master plan was drawn up to perpetrate the following evils:

- sending agents to Hollywood to physcially brand Crowley's mark of the beast on the chests of famous movie actresses;
- setting up the collapse of the stock market and killing off anyone who knew too much, like Judge Crater of New York City;
- assassinating an American President at a cosmically crucial point in world affairs;
- instructing military high commands in certain gruesome occult techniques, including Karl Haushofer in the 1920's. In 1937 Amelia Earhart was murdered because she stumbled across a seminar which Crowley himself was conducting for Japanese officers.

SOURCES:

A Pictorial History of Crime, by Allen Churchill, Holt Rinehart & Wilson, 1974.

Sleazy Scandals of the Silver Screen #1, Cartoonist's Co-Op Press, P.O. Box 40474, San Francisco, California

Wine, Women, and Words, by Fowlton Means. (Write to the Co-op Press above for details.)

WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW:

Like a lot of conspiracy material, this whole plot sounds pretty ridiculous until just one or two details make you pause and give it more attention. In my case it was the mention of Karl Haushofer, who played a subtle but very important role in the Nazi's quest for a new world religon. Believe me, if that guy was tied in with Crowley then anything is possible.